

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel without prejudice Claims 267-274.

Please add the following newly drafted Claims 275-280.

1           275.   (New) The PDP production method of Claim 225 wherein the dry air is circulated  
2 between the first panel and the second panel during the bonding step.

1           276.   (New) The PDP production method of Claim 275 wherein the first panel and the  
2 second panel are spaced by sealing glass layers and the front panel and back panel are heated to a  
3 temperature of 450°C for 30 minutes for bonding.

1           277.   (New) The PDP production method of Claim 275 wherein the dry air is set to a  
2 dew-point temperature below 0°C.

1           278.   (New) The PDP production method of Claim 275 wherein the dry air is set to a  
2 dew-point temperature of -40°C.

1           279.   (New) The PDP production method of Claim 225 wherein the dry air is  
2 repetitively inserted between the first panel and the second panel and exhausted to a vacuum.

1           280.   (New) The PDP production method of Claim 223 wherein the dry gas is nitrogen.